

lines. Allergies in foods should be identified in terms that are clear and understandable to the average citizen.

Most consumers have no idea that products labeled with ingredients such as "natural flavors" contain peanuts or that shrimp extract is used to enhance the flavor of frozen beef teriyaki. Any food product that lists "natural flavors" as part of the ingredients should specify on the package that the product includes peanuts. Foods which are common, life-threatening allergens should not be added gratuitously to products where their taste is negligible.

Industry, consumer, and scientific groups should voluntarily work together on initiatives to better educate food industry workers and the public on issues of food allergy safety, and after one year, an assessment should be made of the success of these initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, every year, about 125 people die from fatal allergic reactions to food in the United States, and every year the number of people who have potentially fatal allergic reactions to food is increasing. This resolution will increase awareness of the serious impact of severe food allergies on the American people, and the need to address this very important health problem.

#### HONORING CARL SCHULTZE

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend a constituent of mine, Carl Schultze, for his many years of service to the Collinsville community in Illinois.

Known to many as "Mr. Collinsville," Carl has devoted much of his life to community service through volunteer activities and club memberships. His involvement includes memberships to the Sunrise Kiwanis, Collinsville Building and Loan Board, Collinsville Chorale and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and the Collinsville Progress Board.

Carl's dedication to the community was formally acknowledged on August 16, 1999 when Collinsville Mayor, Stan Schaeffer, proclaimed the following week as Carl Schultze Week.

I would like to thank Carl for his commitment to public service. He is an inspiration, and it is a true privilege to have him as a part of our community.

#### IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX INCREASE ON ASSOCIATION INVESTMENT INCOME

#### HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, as the fiscal year draws to a close, I think we can be grateful for some of our accomplishments, including good ideas that were implemented and bad ideas that were stopped in their tracks.

One of those bad ideas was the administration's proposed tax increase on the investment

income of tax-exempt 501(c)(6) organizations. I and several of my colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee expressed our bipartisan opposition to this misguided proposal, and the Ways and Means Committee heard excellent testimony as to why this idea should be rejected.

As Congress continues to consider tax measures, I thought it would be worthwhile to remind my colleagues why this proposal would be harmful to people in my home State of Minnesota and throughout the country who are served by America's trade and professional organizations.

I urge my colleagues to heed the excellent words that follow, written by my friend and former constituent, Ralph J. Marlatt.

#### AN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE SPEAKS OUT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Clinton Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget calls for a massive tax increase on associations exempt from tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Administration's proposal would tax so-called "investment" income of 501(c)(6) associations—income that associations receive from interest, dividends, rents, capital gains and royalties. Under the plan, the first \$10,000 that an association earns from these sources will not be taxed, however, all income earned over \$10,000 will be subject to the unrelated business income tax (UBIT).

As Past President of the Minnesota Society of Association Executives and former President and CEO of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, I have first-hand knowledge of the devastating effect this would have on the more than 800 associations in the state of Minnesota.

Associations put the synergistic power of a group to work in solving mutual problems and attaining mutual goals. More than 300,000 Minnesota individuals and firms support the activities of associations through membership and take advantage of the many benefits and services offered by associations. Thousands of Minnesotans are directly engaged in the management of voluntary non-profit trade, professional and educational associations and societies.

Contrary to assertions made by the Clinton administration, this levy would hit thousands of small and mid-sized trade associations and professional societies exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(6). Under this proposal, most associations with an annual operating budget of \$200,000 or more would be taxed on the income they receive from interest, dividends, capital gains, rents, and royalties.

Unlike other corporations, the money associations receive from investment income, royalties and rents do not go into the pockets of shareholders, individuals or other corporations. Rather, these funds go into the associations' operating budgets to help further their exempt purposes—such as improving industry safety, training individuals to adapt to the changing workplace, and providing continuing adult education.

According to a Hudson Institute Report on the Value of Associations, associations spend more on product standards and safety than the U.S. Government. Associations spend more on education than all the states except California. Community service and voluntarism provide 330 million hours valued at \$3.3 billion annually.

Associations and professional societies annually contribute nearly \$10 million directly into Minnesota's economy and nearly \$50 bil-

lion nationally. As a Board Member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and a 29-year veteran of the association business, I join my colleagues in opposing this negative tax on associations.—

*Ralph J. Marlatt, CAE, Executive Vice President, Olson Management Group, Inc.*

#### IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUDELL IMPROVEMENT, INC.

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Cudell Improvement, Inc., on their 25th anniversary. They will be marking this anniversary with a celebration on September 29, 1999.

Cudell Improvement, Inc., founded in 1974 as a neighborhood-based improvement association, has grown over the past 25 years into a sophisticated community development corporation in the city of Cleveland. They have developed, or played a significant role in the redevelopment of, over \$8 million in real estate.

In addition to Cudell Improvement's real estate achievements, the firm has established programs and services designed to enhance the quality of life and revitalize the community as well. They have implemented a summer and after-school program for thousands of area youth. Cudell Improvement has also been responsible for the continuous implementation of the county's first citizen-based crime prevention program. Throughout their 25 years, Cudell Improvement, Inc., has brought thousands of residents and business persons together to foster communication, achieve community improvements and instill civic pride.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the members of Cudell Improvement, Inc., on their anniversary and salute them for 25 years of civic service. I wish Cudell the very best wishes in their continued dedication to community improvement.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ROBERT ALLAN LINDEN

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a man who has contributed an incredible amount to his community of Alamosa, Colorado. Dr. Linden has recently been honored by an election to the position of Fellow of the American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine. This is a great honor because it is given by one's peers. And, Dr. Linden is very deserving of this honor.

Robert Allan Linden graduated from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 1969. He then went on to medical school right

here at Georgetown University, School of Medicine. He completed his residency at UCLA-Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, California. From there he went on to a medical career that has certainly proven that this honor was earned, not bestowed, and well deserved.

He began his medical career in Alamosa in 1977 when he first became associated with Valley-Wide Health Services. He has been an active member of the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in the area of general internal medicine. He is also the senior internist at the Community Health Center group practice. He serves as Utilization Review Director for Evergreen Nursing Home, Medical Director and Co-chair of Interdisciplinary Utilization Review Team for Hospice del Valle, and physician advisor for the Alamosa Ambulance District. Dr. Linden has also been an Aviation Medical Examiner for the last 16 years. He served as Chief-of-Staff at SLV Regional Medical Center for a one year tenure in 1995-1996. In addition, he had previously served as chairperson of the Hospital Executive Committee, trustee on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Governing Board, and a member of the Quality Assurance Committee and Strategic Planning. Currently he serves as a member of the Hospital Staff Emergency Department and ICU Committee.

Some of the numerous honors he has received are: Hospice Appreciation Award in 1993 from the Interdisciplinary Utilization Review Team for Hospice del Valle; Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award for Medical Student Teaching at University of Colorado, School of Medicine, in 1989; and the Most Valuable Preceptor Award from the University of Colorado, School of Medicine, in 1997.

When he has spare time, Dr. Kinden and his wife, Maureen Orr, enjoy the Colorado outdoors. He enjoys hiking, backpacking, organic gardening, and even plays in an eclectic rock group "Lucky La Rue". He is a man who has dedicated his career to helping others and his life to Colorado. He deserves to be commended.

#### SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2392, the Small Business Innovation Research Program Reauthorization Act of 1999. Working with our colleagues on the Small Business Committee, we have crafted an authorization bill, which preserves the programs strengths. In addition, H.R. 2392 provides for a study of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. It is our hope to incorporate the results and findings of this study in the next reauthorization cycle.

The SBIR program is an important element in making the unique capabilities of small high-tech business available to the Federal government. Initiated in 1982, the SBIR program was built upon an existing NSF pilot pro-

gram and now includes the ten federal agencies with the largest external research budgets. When the program was conceived, it was clear that small business had much to offer federal agencies, but were not receiving a proportional share of federal research contracts. In essence, they were shut-out of the federal research awards process. Through the SBIR we have guaranteed that at least 2.5% of agencies' external research dollars are awarded to small businesses. This set aside has created progress towards achieving the SBIR programs two major goals; providing small high-tech businesses the opportunity to meet federal research needs and increasing the number of technology based commercial products developed by small business.

As in any program, however, there is room for improvement. We need to ensure that an increasing percentage of SBIR winners go on to be commercial successes. And we need to build a better record in helping the best SBIR participants join the ranks of federal contractors. I will continue to work with my colleagues to address both of these concerns.

In closing, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure working with Chairman SENBRENNER, Chairwoman MORELLA, and Ranking Member HALL as well as our colleagues on the Small Business Committee in developing this consensus legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2392.

#### LIFE AND TIMES OF OSEOLA McCARTY

**HON. RONNIE SHOWS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to take a minute to tell my fellow colleagues and the American People about Oseola McCarty. Ms. McCarty recently passed away and it is important that we pause to remember this remarkable Mississippian and American.

Oseola McCarty spent her life washing and ironing the clothes of others in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Her life was one of meager and simple means concerning the material things many deem important. Her spirit and faith, though, was large and full. Her capacity to give and care and love exceeded all boundaries. Ms. McCarty was a great American and we all need to know and learn from her story.

The Bible teaches us about the widow's mite; that lady who gave less than others but all she had and was called great for her more profound sacrifice. Friends, Ms. McCarty gave us all the widow's mite.

Her meager income over the years provided just enough for her to put away a little in savings each month. Over these 75 years this grew and in 1995 she gave the University of Southern Mississippi \$150,000 to help the poor go to school. This was a gift to all of us. Certainly to those who have and will benefit from a college education. But also Ms. McCarty gave us all the gift of love and generosity. She taught us that integrity in life and belief in God and others, when put into action, changes lives.

I am indebted to Oseola McCarty for her example. My Alma Matter, the University of Southern Mississippi, is indebted to her for her gift and inspiration. And everyone, all of us, is indebted to Ms. McCarty because she helped remind us that we all matter and what we do matters to all.

Many beautiful and great words will be said the next several days about Ms. McCarty. And, great things should be said. But, let's honor her the way she would want . . . let's give ourselves. Let's give to others, like Ms. McCarty.

#### PROGRESS IN THE GAMBIA

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my satisfaction with the course of certain events relating to The Gambia, in West Africa. Some of our colleagues may, or may not, be aware that due to the tireless efforts of President Yahya Jammeh, The Gambia continues to play a pivotal role in peacemaking and peacekeeping. Specifically, The Gambia has participated in peace efforts in three regions of conflict of West Africa—Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, and the Casamance region of Senegal.

During the 21st summit of the sixteen-member Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), hosted by The Gambia in October 1998, President Jammeh was successful in bringing the two protagonists in the Guinea-Bissau conflict to the negotiating table for their first face-to-face meeting since fighting erupted earlier that year. Although the peace accord, which was signed by Guinea-Bissau President Joao Bernard Viera and rebel leader Ansumane Mane was subsequently broken, President Jammeh continued to work toward a peaceful resolution of the conflict. For his efforts, President Jammeh was congratulated by other heads of state for being the first leader in the sub-region to send a delegation in search of a peace resolution to the crisis.

Similarly, in the conflict in Sierra Leone between President Kabbah and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), led by Foday Sankoh, Gambian President Jammeh was the first leader to make an international offer to mediate, and urge for peace in the country, as well as the entire sub-region. In June 1999, Banjul was again the scene of peace negotiations when the Senegalese government and separatist rebels from the Casamance province accepted President Jammeh's offer to facilitate peace in the troubled province.

Gambian President Yahya Jammeh has offered all possible assistance in order to facilitate the permanent return of peace to the West African region. On the occasion of President Jammeh's first visit to the United States as a head of state, I would like my colleagues to join me in honoring and commending President Jammeh for his commitment to peace and unity in West Africa.